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SUBJECT: 102 EXBD, ITEM 5.6.2: HUMAN RIGHTS AND US
INITIATIVE

1. US DEL (TOUSSAINT) DELIVERED POLICY STATEMENT ON
MAY 4 DURING PLENARY DISCUSSION ITEM 5.6.2. FIFTEEN
MINUTE INTERVENTION (FULL TEXT SEPTTEL) INCLUDED PRO-
POSAL FOR DEVELOPING MECHANISM, SEPARATE FROM HUMAN
RIGHTS MACHINERY, TO HANDLE CHARGES AGAINST MEMBER
STATES IN MANNER WHICH NOT INTERFER WITH UNESCO'S
FUNCTIONAL TASKS AND PROGRAMS. IT ALSO DIRECTED
SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING UNESCO
ACTIVITIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD (IN CONTEXT US
COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN SUCH MACHINERY THROUGHOUT UN
SYSTEM) AND CALLED ATTENTION TO SECRETARY'S APRIL 30
ADDRESS.

2. STATEMENT WAS WELL RECEIVED AND GENERATED MUCH
INTEREST, JUDGING BY WARM PERSONAL COMPLIMENTS FROM
MANY BOARD MEMBERS FOLLOWING SPEECH, AND BY LARGE NUMBER
OF REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF STATEMENT AND SECRETARY
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VANCE'S APRIL 30 SPEECH.

3. PHILP (AUSTRALIAN BOARD MEMBER) FOLLOWED US INTER-
VENTION WITH SHORT CONCISE STATEMENT IN WHICH HE
SUPPORTED, BY NAME, US PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING MECHANISM
TO HANDLE CHARGES AGAINST MEMBER STATES. THIS CLEAR,
LOW KEY STATEMENT FIT ITS PURPOSE VERY WELL. NEITHER

US NOR AUSTRALIAN INTERVENTIONS SPARKED ANY DEBATE ON
US PROPOSAL WHICH INCLUDED REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
INSCRIBED ON AGENDA OF 103 EXBD.

4. WITH NINE BOARD MEMBERS LEFT TO SPEAK ON HUMAN
RIGHTS ITEM, DEBATE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THROUGHOUT
MAY 5. IT SEEMS CLEAR NOW THAT SMALL WORKING PARTY,
PROBABLY INCLUDING US AND USSR WILL BE APPOINTED TO
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEPT. EXBD FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER
STEPS IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD -- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT 102
EX/19 AND DEBATE AT THIS EXBD. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR
WORKING GROUP TO HAVE USUAL REGIONAL BALANCE. POSSIBLE
THAT MARTIN, EXBD CHAIRMAN, WILL HIMSELF CHAIR WORKING
GROUP. WORKING GROUP WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONVENED
UNTIL SEPTEMBER JUST BEFORE FALL BOARD SESSION AND
WOULD PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THAT MEETING. US
INITIATIVE WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED BY
WORKING GROUP WHICH WOULD FOCUS SOLELY ON PROCEDURAL
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR C AND R COMMITTEE.

5. MORE THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF DEBATE ON ITEM 5.6.2
WILL FOLLOW ITS CONCLUSION.
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